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## TRANSACTION METHOD AND SYSTEM

## ABSTRACT

Database transactions are performed involving multiple databases each having a processing agent. A transaction database is coupled to each of the multiple databases. A processing database agent writes a transaction document having a key and a detail to the transaction database. The processing agents periodically search the transaction database for a key and a detail to determine whether the agent should process the transaction. The agent then updates a record in its corresponding database based on the key and detail of the transaction. A wildcard character may be used in the key to indicate multiple documents in the respective processing database are affected by the transaction.